

CITIZENS OF THE THIRD ST AREA OF FORT MYERS BEACH

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The Mayor Fort Myers Beach

AGAIN WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AS YOU KNOW THE ISSUE IS THE KEEPING OF DANGEROUS DOGS FENCED IN OUR COMMUNITY AFTER WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED A MAULING OF A WOMAN BY THESE DOGS. AS OF THIS MOMENT SHE IS TRYING TO RECOVER.

WE ARE WRITING TO YOU FOR HELP!

WE NEED TO HAVE THESE DOGS REMOVED FROM OUR COMMUNITY BEFORE THERE IS ANOTHER ATTACK. WE DON'T CARE IF THE DOGS WERE PLAYING AND WE'VE ALL SEEN THEM ESCAPE FROM THE FENCE TO RUN LOOSE ON THE STREETS.

OUR FEARS HAVE COME TRUE.

WE NEED DIRECTION FROM YOU ON THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION OR FROM ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE AGENCY AS A FIRST STEP. PLEASE RESPOND IN WRITING.

WE AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE.

REGARDS,

THE CITIZENS OF THE THIRD ST NEIGHBORHOOD.
926 THIRD ST
FORT MYERS BEACH FL

CC: ANIMAL SERVICES
FOX NEWS

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DOGS LIVING IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE WOMAN IS STILL IN INTENSIVE CARE.

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KILLED BY THESE DOGS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO HAVE THESE DOGS RELOCATED TO A MORE
APPROPRIATE AREA.

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION TO HAVE THEM REMOVED BEFORE MORE DAMAGE
IS DONE.

NAME	<i>Jim Gordon</i>	ADDRESS	<i>935 Third St. Fairb</i>
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NAME ~~ROBERT HARLIN~~ ADDRESS 910 THIRD ST. FMB

NAME JEANNE LEVIE ADDRESS 880 THIRD ST FMB

NAME GARY LEWIS ADDRESS 880 3RD ST FMB

NAME LORRAINE LEBON ADDRESS 870 3RD ST. FMB.

NAME KEN LEBON ADDRESS 870 3RD ST. FMB.

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Carolyn Mahon was attacked June 24 by two Rottweilers while she picked up a friend at this house in Fort Myers Beach. One dog grabbed her by her ponytail and ripped off a large portion of her scalp. The other bit her arm. The attack lasted for about 15 minutes, according to the Lee sheriff's office.

Dogs bite, beat rap

Animal Services says its hands tied

BY GABRIELLA SOUZA
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Carolyn Mahon's scalp is gone.

An 8-inch chunk of skin is missing from one of the 64-year-old's arms. Jagged stitches run down her forehead.

The wounds are the aftermath of an attack June 24 by two Rottweilers.

One grabbed her long, blond ponytail and the other the inside of an elbow. They dragged her around a

concrete yard for 15 minutes before Lee County sheriff's deputies Maced the dogs.

The dogs remain in their Fort Myers Beach yard, behind a 6-foot chain-link fence dotted with signs warning passers-by of their danger. Even though Mahon's family wants the dogs put down, Lee County Domestic Animal Services said there's nothing it can do.

Thursday, Mahon endured 13 hours of surgery as doctors attempted to place muscles from her back and veins from her legs on her skull where no tissue remains. She has been in the



MAHON

hospital for three weeks, and doctors don't foresee an end to her stay.

Animal Services officers spoke with Mahon twice after the attack. During those times, she told them she didn't want to give a statement and that she didn't want the dogs killed, according to Animal Services. So, after a 10-day stay in Animal Services quarantine, the dogs were returned to their owner, Julie Urian.

Mahon is the only person

Animal Services can interview, said spokeswoman Ria Brown, because no one else witnessed the moment the dogs first attacked Mahon.

"If she won't give testimony, it's like trying to prosecute a crime without having witnesses," Brown said.

But Mahon's sons argue their mother has experienced psychological trauma and is being treated with painkillers that would influence what she told investigators. They believe there has to be another way for the owner to be brought to justice.

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"I'm afraid they're going to do this again," said son David Mahon, 39. "But next time it will be a little 2-year-old boy or girl."

Cage before rage?

On June 24, Mahon went to a home on Bonita Street on Fort Myers Beach to pick up friend Bernice Garber, 88, whom Mahon was taking to an assisted living center.

Mahon had lived with Garber at the home until about a week before, David Mahon said. Urian, the homeowner, once dated Mahon's son Rick and shed offered to let Garber and Mahon stay at the house, where she kept her two, 100-pound Rottweilers, named Eva and Ella.

The dogs rushed Mahon

as she tried to put them into two plastic cages to keep them out of the way while she brought Garber down, according to a sheriff's report. Garber called 911 from inside the house and 15 minutes later, four deputies arrived along with EMS personnel.

The dogs at first were probably excited to see Mahon, said Bobbi Graves, an animal behavioral specialist who owns ABC for Canines, a dog training business. But once she tried to force them into a small enclosure, adrenaline would have kicked in and they would have grabbed her long ponytail to play with her.

Once she was on the ground, the dogs' pack mentality would have encouraged them to continue the attack, Graves said. "She's lucky to be alive," she said.

Mahon managed to grab



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-PRESS

Carolyn Mahon continues to heal in the Intensive Care Unit of Lee Memorial Hospital after she was mauled by two Rottweilers. Although the law says the animals have to be destroyed, authorities have not been able to do so.

a piece of chain-link fence to protect herself. The deputies sprayed Mace at the dogs several times before they backed off, then put the dogs into plastic cages, the report said. Mahon was sent by ambulance to Lee Memorial Hospital.

Memorial Hospital.

Urian was not at the house at the time, but she told Animal Services officers she had not authorized Mahon to be in the yard. That's another reason Brown said Animal Services

has not continued the investigation.

The dogs had been in Animal Services custody once before this year, when they dug out of their yard. Brown said they have never been investigated for an attack before.

Urian did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

More surgery

Mahon is preparing for another surgery today.

Rick Mahon said a quarter of the veins doctors placed on his mother's head last week did not work, so they will operate to find the cause and hopefully repair them.

Mahon has been hooked up to draining tubes as her body tries to create a scab on her scalp. Her condition prevented her from sharing her story. David Mahon said the

WHAT LAW SAYS ON DOG ATTACKS

Florida Statute 767. If a dog causes severe injury to or death of any human, the dog shall be immediately confiscated by an animal control authority, placed in quarantine, if necessary, for the proper length of time or held for 10 business days and destroyed in an expeditious and humane manner. This 10-day time period shall allow the owner to request hearing.

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Photos: See a gallery of dogs involved in the attack.

irony is that his mother is an animal lover and used to play with Ella and Eva who she lived at the Bonita Street home.

Now, "She's afraid come home because those dogs."

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If it's a "civil matter," Townes said, "then go to court and have the judge tell me you have the right." The Cape Police Department's involvement in this

enforcement to keep the peace when one person has hired a contractor to be an agent to trespass on a third party's property," Buckley said.

I hope readers can see how minor disputes can escalate. It's best to avoid them, try to get along and

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